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For: SYNTHETIC PEPTIDES USEFUL IN BIOLOGICAL ASSAYS FOR DETECTING
INFECTIONS CAUSED BY GROUP O HIV-1 VIRUSES

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The instant paper responds to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2001.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the last paragraph at page 1 with the following paragraph.

-- Application EP 0,673,948 describes synthetic or recombinant peptides consisting of 15 to 50 amino acids (AA) and comprising the sequence
-VWGIRQLRLRLQALETLIQNQQRLNLWGXXGKGLIXYTSVKWNTSWSGR- (SEQ ID NO:22)
in which X represents either a cysteine residue, or a serine residue. These peptides are useful in the diagnostic field for the detection of infections due to certain group O HIV-1 retrovirus isolates. --

Replace the first paragraph at page 5 with the following paragraph.

-- (AA₃) represents either an isoleucine residue, or a valine residue, or a leucine residue, or a threonine residue, or a norleucine residue, or a norvaline residue,

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